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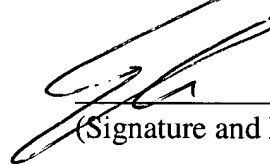
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : Sung-Wook Bang
SERIAL NO. : 10/055,843 EXAMINER : Carlos N. Lopez
FILED : January 23, 2002 ART UNIT : 1731
FOR : AUTOMATIC QUARTZ TUBE LEVELING DEVICE IN OPTICAL
FIBER PREFORM MANUFACTURING SYSTEM USING MODIFIED
CHEMICAL VAPOR DEPOSITION TECHNIQUE

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION
UNDER 35 U.S.C. §121

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated October 9, 2003, issued in connection with the above-identified Application, which is now due for response on November 9, 2003, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

By this Office Action, the Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

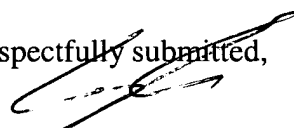
- Group I. Claims 1-6, drawn to a leveling device, classified in class 356, subclass 614.
- Group II. Claims 7-10, drawn to method of leveling a quartz tube, classified in class 65, subclass 377.

Responsive to the Requirement for restriction, Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, Claims 1-6, drawn to a leveling device.

No fees are believed to be necessitated by the foregoing Response. However, should this be erroneous, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 502-470 for any underpayment, or credit any overages.

In view of the above, withdrawal of the Requirement for the Restriction is requested, and an early action on the merits of the Claims is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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